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THE COTEAU FREEDOM MINE

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PROPERTIES COMPANY

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

April 7, 2011

Mr. James R. Deutsch
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 Public Service Commission
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 Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

FROM DIRECTOR - RECLAMATION DIV.

Date: 4-11-11

Action: Bruce

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Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed are three sets of materials for Revision 27 to Permit NACT-8503. This revision updates the permit for renewal #5. Also enclosed are the original application forms, and a proposed newspaper publication. Responses below refer to deficiencies in your February 4, 2011 letter:

1. See revised page 1 of Section 1.1.2, and the revised Metes and Bounds Map of Section 1.1.3.
2. See revised Sections 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, and 1.2.4.
3. See revised Section 1.3.1.
4. See revised Section 1.2.1.
5. See revised Section 1.2.1.
6. See revised Section 1.2.1.
7. See revised Section 1.3.2.
8. See revised Section 1.3.3.
9. See revised pages 1-4 of Section 1.3.5.
10. See the revised Extended Mining Plan Map of Section 2.1.1.
11. See revised page 1 of Section 3.1.4
12. See the revised Pit Layout and Facilities Map of Section 3.1.5.
13. See revised page 2 of Section 3.1.2, revised page 3 of Section 4.2.1, and revised pages 1, 2a, and 2b of Section 4.2.1a.



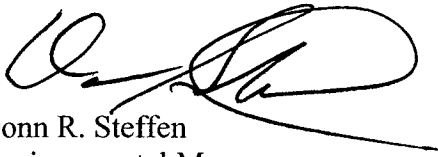
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The deficiency responses for Revision 13 to Permit NACT-0401, addressing the CVSS, will be submitted soon.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donn R. Steffen', written over a horizontal line.

Donn R. Steffen
Environmental Manager

DRS:lr
Enc.

cc: Monte Erhardt, Mercer County Auditor (w/enc.)



APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
RECLAMATION DIVISION
SFN 10566 (Rev. 12-99)

Date 4.11.11
File Ren5-app (33587)

Date	April 7 2011
Permit Number	NACT-8503
State	ND
Zip Code	58523

Name of Permittee		The Coteau Properties Company	
Address		City	State
204 County Road 15		Beulah	ND
		Zip Code	58523

The above named hereby makes application for Renewal Number 5 of the above Permit Number in order to continue to engage in surface coal mining and reclamation operations within the area described below in the permit during the period from August 7, 2011 to August 7, 2016.

The reasons for requesting the renewal is attached and any changes to the matters set forth in the approved Permit are particularly described in the accompanying revision application.

The applicable public notice provisions of Section 38-14.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code have been complied with. A copy of the advertisement is attached and affidavits of publications will be furnished to the Commission prior to issuance of the Permit Renewal.

Bond for surface coal mining and reclamation operations and liability insurance will be provided for the proposed period of renewal. Attached is a statement evidencing that the bond is sufficient and will continue in full force for the renewal period and that liability insurance will be provided for the renewal period.

LOCATION				ACRES
SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	COUNTY	
19, 20, 29, 30	145N	87W	Mercer	1891.09
24	145N	88W	Mercer	11.87
TOTAL ACRES				1902.96

Signature of Official	Title
<i>William R. Kile</i>	Staff Mining Engineer

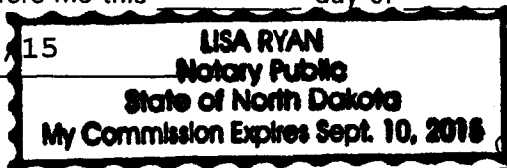
VERIFICATION

Name of Official	Donn R. Steffen
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I, the above named, being first and duly sworn, verify that the information contained in the Permit Renewal Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Official	Title
<i>[Signature]</i>	Environmental Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of April, 20 11. My commission expires: 09/10/15



(SEAL)

Lisa Ryan
Notary Public

This renewal is being requested because this permit area is still used in support of the active mining with the associated disturbances within the permit area. All coal removal is complete within this permit area.

The bond for this permit area is sufficient and will continue for the renewal period. Liability insurance is provided and will be renewed on a yearly basis throughout the renewal period.